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Senate Approves Ban on Displays of Sexually Explicit Materials

LANSING — The Michigan Senate today passed House Bill 4360, a bipartisan effort to ban public displays of pornographic material, announced Sen. Alan Sanborn (R-Richmond).

“It’s common sense,” Sanborn said. “Children should not be exposed to sexually explicit materials on their way to the candy or comic book aisles of a neighborhood business, and this bill will help to ensure that they aren’t.”

The effort to change the law came about as a result of calls from parents who express concern about taking their children into businesses, such as gas stations and carry-outs, only to find sexually explicit magazines openly displayed.

Under the legislation, such material will be required to be kept from public view either by the covering of the bottom two-thirds of the magazines, or by keeping them in restricted areas where minors are not permitted to enter without a parent or guardian.

HB 4360 now heads to the governor for signature.